

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment, Applicant has canceled the unallowed claims without prejudice for further prosecution in a continuation application. Applicant has amended claim 21 to incorporate the subject matter of objected to claim 27. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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